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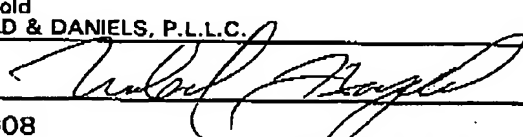
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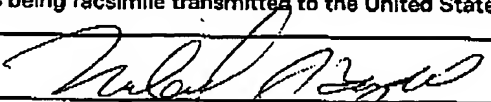
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in reply to the official action mailed May 12, 2008. In that action, the Examiner requires an election of species, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, between one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species of the invention:

- I. Transmission 1: Fig. 2;
- II. Transmission 2: Fig. 3;
- III. Transmission 3: Fig. 4;
- IV. Transmission 4: Fig. 5;
- V. Transmission 5: Fig. 6;
- VI. Transmission 6: Fig. 7; or
- VII. Transmission 7: Fig. 9-10.

Further, the Applicant is required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- VIII. Configuration 1: Fig. 11;
- IX. Configuration 2: Fig. 12;
- X. Configuration 3: Fig. 13;
- XI. Configuration 4: Fig. 14; or
- XII. Configuration 5: Fig. 15.

The Applicant elects to prosecute the species of the claimed invention shown in Group IV (Transmission 4: Fig. 5) and further elects to prosecute the species of the claimed invention shown in Group VIII (Configuration 1: Fig. 11) of the drawings. The Applicant also elects claims 26, 32, 33, 43, 46 and 47 which are readable on the elected species to be prosecuted on the merits.

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The Applicant does not waive any rights with respect to the non-elected species and does not intend to abandon that subject matter. If the Examiner makes the election requirement final, the Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected species be withdrawn from further consideration but remain in this application subject to reinstatement, in the event that a generic claim is allowed, or for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

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